

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION EXPORT OF SPICES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details the annual demand and production of spices in the country during the last two years and the current year;
- (b) the details of spices exported during the last two years alongwith the value thereof; and
- (c) the incentives and assistance given and proposed to be given in order to promote the production of spices?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The reliable estimate of demand of spices in the country are not available. However, the latest available estimates of production of spices in the country for the years 1998-99 to 2000-2001 are given below:

Year	Production (lakh tonnes)
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1998-99	30.91
1999-2000	30.23
2000-2001	31.00 (provisional)

(b): The quantity and value of export of spices during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 is given below:

Year	Quantity (lakh tonnes)	Value (Rupees in Crore)
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2000-2001	2.30	1612.07
2001-2002	2.45	1625.35 (provisional)

(c): In order to promote production of spices, assistance is provided for production of planting material, establishment of nurseries, area expansion, pest and disease management, setting up of laboratories for bio control agents, field demonstrations plots, establishment and maintenance of demonstration-cum-progeny gardens in North-Eastern State and transfer of technology through trainings, seminars etc under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 'Macro Management in Agriculture - Supplementing/Complementing the State Efforts through Work Plans.' The scheme provides flexibility to State Government to prioritize the crops and interventions as per the need. Spices Board also provides support to improve production and productivity of cardamom and vanilla for production of planting material, replanting/new planting, irrigation, low cost drier for large cardamom and curing house for vanilla.